

September 26, 2022
Special Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Clint Erickson, Commissioner Jeff Good, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Brandon Newsom (via phone) and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, and David Corbin, Project Director, were present.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first item of business was Agenda Additions and Deletions. The following additions were made to the agenda:

- County Coordinator Item A) Part-time Position at Library
- Commissioner Item A) County's CDL Requirement
- Commissioner Item B) TDC Marketing and Administration RFP

Commissioner Music offered the motion to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a public hearing to establish the final millage and budget. Chairman Stafford advised that the tentative millage was set at 9.4916 which is 5.55% greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.9924. The millage rate of 9.4916 is the current millage. By adopting the same rate for 2022-23 this generates a small increase in revenue which was needed to balance the General and Transportation Trust Funds. Nate Nolin, County Attorney, read Resolution 22-32 which adopts the final millage of 9.4916. The public was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the millage rate and the effect on their taxes with no one responding. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Good offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #22-32)

David Corbin, Project Director, discussed the additional part-time position requested by Library Director Becky Marsh. He stated that the position is for 29 hours per week and would be an added \$19,832.61 expense on the 2022-23 budget. Discussion of this matter included:

- Reducing the hours open to the public in lieu of the added position
- Library's current inability to keep up with job responsibilities due to lack of staff
- 2021-22 grant employees were funded by ARPA money which is no longer available
- Library Director's previous request to combine two part-time positions into one full-time position
- Library's busiest hours of service
- Library staff cleaning own facilities

The following citizens discussed this matter:

- Mary Balint, PPLC Administrator
- Sam Bailey, Clerk of Court

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to close the Library to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays without changing the employees' work schedule and for Mr. Corbin to inquire about

adding the Library facilities to the cleaning contract with Interstate Commercial Services. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Nolin read Resolution #22-33 adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 in the amount of \$33,390,918. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Good offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #22-33)

(Final Budget)

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to eliminate the County's requirement for Road Department employees to obtain a CDL within 6 months of being employed. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to allow one Road Department employee per district a 24-month period to obtain a CDL. The employee would be paid at the same rate and be responsible for paying all expenses associated with attaining a CDL. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the need to consider sign-on bonuses or increased pay in the future to keep the County fully working.

Chairman Stafford advised that the Tourist Development Council intends to hire a marketing and administration firm and needs to advertise an RFP for the service. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion approving the RFP with Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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